

every state. I have promised the people of the 4th District of Minnesota that I am committed to working in Congress for essential programs like newborn hearing screening. I hope my colleagues will join me in this commitment to improving the quality of life for our nation's children, families, and communities.

QUOTES ABOUT MR. ALFRED  
MCKETHAN

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, U.S. Sen. BOB GRAHAM: "... a legacy unmatched by any other."

U.S. Sen. BILL NELSON: "Alfred McKethan was not just a leader—he was a doer."

Gov. Jeb Bush, "Alfred McKethan was larger than life, ... a monumental contributor to this state."—Hernando Today

Congresswoman KAREN THURMAN, "His mantle was sharing with everyone else. The mantle he left behind is the people he left behind."—Hernando Today

Mr. Hjalma Johnson, Dade City banker: "All of us will see farther because we stood on the shoulders of this giant. Mr. Chairman, you will be well missed and never forgotten."—Hernando Times

Mr. Colin Campbell of the Virginia Military Institute, where Mr. McKethan began his college career: "Mr. McKethan loved to empower young leaders."—Hernando Times

Rev. Don Lawson, pastor of Brooksville's First Presbyterian Church: "Alfred McKethan was a powerful man of insight and vision. But from my perspective, he had a humble heart."—Hernando Today

Former University of Florida President John Lombardi: "He represented the very best of the spirit of our alumni. ... He's just one of our heroes."—St. Petersburg Times

Retired State Senator Ed Price Jr. from Bradenton: "He was a very friendly person, but he could get hard-nosed when the occasion allowed for it."—St. Petersburg Times

Banker Marion G. "Bubber" Nelson of Panama City: "He just had a good way of talking and enthusing somebody and developing ambition. There were no crazy things about him."—St. Petersburg Times

Former Brooksville State Rep. John Culbreath, now a Tallahassee lobbyist: "Alfred for his lifetime was really the pulse and the heartbeat of Hernando County."—St. Petersburg Times

Chuck Smith, a former state lawmaker from Brooksville: "Alfred McKethan was an excellent politician. You're not an excellent politician if you're mean to people or make them mad."—St. Petersburg Times

Jim Talley, editor of the defunct Brooksville Sun-Journal newspaper: Mr. McKethan "by style and demeanor symbolized Brooksville's yesteryear, caught in the mid 20th century, though he prided himself on always looking 'out yonder.' He left his mark, and it was a big one."—St. Petersburg Times

University of Florida's Athletic Director Jeremy Foley: "His passion for the university and this program ... there was no bigger Gator. I'm going to miss him immeasurably. ..."—St. Petersburg Times

Norm Carlson, a longtime UF assistant director of media relations: "He had the ear of everybody."—St. Petersburg Times

Former Gators football coach Steve Spurrier once said: "When you talk of Gator spirit and love for the university, Alfred McKethan embodies what that is all about."—St. Petersburg Times

Brooksville lawyer Joe Mason, Mr. McKethan's nephew: "His influence is everywhere you look. Probably no one in the last half-century has had as much of an impact on the community as he has had."—St. Petersburg Times

Jim Kimbrough, who married Mr. McKethan's daughter, then took over as head of SunTrust Bank/Nature Coast, said: "It's been a privilege to be at his side professionally."—St. Petersburg Times

County Commissioner Chairwoman Nancy Robinson: "Alfred McKethan was an icon and a visionary. He'll be missed."—St. Petersburg Times

Robert Buckner, Mr. McKethan's oldest grandson: "He kept up with what was going on in Hernando County."—St. Petersburg Times

Jane Padgett, an assistant principal at Hernando High and a distant relative: "I think he has always been keenly interested in the welfare of this county and its place in the state."—St. Petersburg Times

Oma Lee Vance, worked with McKethan at the bank for nearly 40 years: "His door was always open. He was just a very compassionate person, considering his standing in life and the community."—St. Petersburg Times

Gene Manuel, owner of Coastal Engineering: "He's one of the few people that I ever knew in my lifetime who would do something for you without expecting anything in return."—St. Petersburg Times

Dominick Cabriele, chairman of the Hernando County Democratic Party: "Mr. McKethan was a lifelong Democrat and a steadfast supporter of the Democratic Party and its principles. ... His loss is irreplaceable."—St. Petersburg Times

Len Tria, vice president of Coastal Engineering and former Hernando County commissioner: "He never forgot his roots. His motto was, 'You build your community, you build your bank.'"—St. Petersburg Times

IN HONOR OF FRANK HARRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Frank Harris on the occasion of his 80th Birthday.

Frank Harris was born and raised in Boston, MA. He left Boston when he joined the army. After completing his military service he moved to New York. He has served St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for 40 years. He is very active in his church. He has been an usher, he is on the vestry, and he is in the Brotherhood where he has worked as the secretary and treasurer for over 20 years. In addition to his work in the church, before retiring, Frank worked for Con Edison for over 20 years in Brooklyn and Buchanan, New York. He has been happily married to Annie Harris for 44 years.

As a proud father and a loving husband, he and his wife have three children, two adopted and their natural son, Kirby.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Harris has lived a life of hard work and dedication to his church, his family and community. As such he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable man on his 80th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING TAYLOR G. MARK  
WARD ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO  
THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Taylor G. Markward of Middle Point, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Taylor will soon graduate from Van Wert High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football and basketball. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as Vice President of the Student Body, President of the Key Club and as a captain of the football and basketball teams.

Taylor Markward can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Taylor is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Taylor Markward has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
SUPERINTENDENT SHARON  
JONES OF THE FREMONT UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Jones on the day of her retirement as superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District in Fremont, California.

For 37 years, Sharon Jones has served the Fremont Unified School District and the community of Fremont as a teacher, vice principal,